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We are indebted to Congressman Underhill, of the Belmont, O., district, for valuable public documents.

For the fiscal year the gross earnings of the Erie, the New York Central and the Baltimore & Ohio railroads, compare as follows:

	1880.	1879.	Increase.
Erie	\$11,625,108	\$10,942,022	\$683,086
N. Y. C.	23,178,913	25,596,263	-2,417,350
B. & O.	18,417,740	14,105,980	4,311,760

They have had an important meeting of the Central Fish Association of the North-western States at Chicago, to which some of the members traveled hundreds of miles in bad weather, thus showing how great is the interest felt in this important matter. Their discussions related to the recommendation of better plans for stocking the lakes and rivers with desirable kinds of fish, and protecting them against the premature and exhaustive catches of the fishermen. The importance of intelligent and fostering legislation on this subject is becoming each year better understood among the people, and consequently more popular. The consumption of fish is getting to be enormous. We trust that the subject will receive its due share of attention at the hands of our legislators this coming session.

We observe that Bishop Dwenger, of St. Wayne, Indiana, has published in the Catholic Telegraph, of Cincinnati, a pastoral letter against mixed marriages, that is marriages between Catholics and Protestants. As a reason and justification for his position against such marriages, he says that a recent funeral of an aged Catholic, of the 305 descendants present, not one was a Catholic. This resulted from a mixed marriage. Therefore he says:

"We therefore announce to you our fixed determination not to grant a dispensation to a Catholic man or woman who marry a non-Catholic woman or girl, unless in most extraordinary cases, and then when an almost absolute certainty exists that the children of such a union will be raised as Catholics. We will take notice of this, and spare ourselves and the annoyance of a useless application. He adds that public penance will be demanded of all who go to a Squire or Protestant preacher to be married, and continues:

"The church never grants a dispensation without the distinct promise—'That Catholic parties should not be hindered or interfered with in the practice of religion.' 2. 'That all children should be baptized, raised, and educated in the Catholic faith.' 3. 'The Catholic party should promise to do every thing possible to obtain the conversion of the non-Catholic party.'"

We would like to see two copies of these promises should be made in writing, one to be kept in the church of the place, and the other to be sent to the Bishop. It seems from the same issue of the Catholic Telegraph, in which the above appears, that the recent back out of the last moment of young McMahon, of Columbus, Ohio, from marrying Miss Platt, was owing to the fact that he was a Catholic and she a Protestant.

**Labor Statistics.**  
Extracts from the advance sheets of the annual report of Ohio "Labor Statistics" are appearing in the newspapers, and they are full of interesting information. It seems that in October, 1879, there were only 25 rolling mills in operation in the State, employing 5,490 persons, and that in 1879 there were 34 in operation, employing 7,784 persons, and that this year there are 47 mills in operation, employing 10,746 persons. Three of these mills are in Belmont county, employing 960 persons, and two in Jefferson (only one in operation), employing 350 persons. The weekly wages paid in 1879 averaged as follows: To heaters, \$27 80; to puddlers, \$20 40; to rollers, \$32 83; to helpers \$10 60; to laborers, \$7 47; to nailers, \$35 46; to nail feeders, —; to catchers, —; to mechanics, \$13 05; and to boys, \$5 90. The weekly wages paid this year have averaged as follows: To heaters, \$28 48; to puddlers, \$22 98; to rollers, \$35 75; to catchers, \$13 50; to helpers, \$10 95; to laborers, \$7 50; to nailers, \$34 02; to nail feeders, \$11 02; and to boys, \$4 17.

Ohio is the third State in nail making, making 10 per cent of the total product of the country. Nails are made in twelve States of the Union.

The wages of iron workers, who worked by the ton, fluctuated with the price of bar iron. From \$5 per ton for puddling, the price advanced to \$7 25 per ton in February, 1880, and in October, 1880, the price was \$5 30 per ton. Other mill men working by the ton experienced the same changes in wages during the year.

An interesting table is also given of the prices of bar iron and nails during a series of years, from which it appears that the card rates are fixed by the Western Iron and Nail Association. August 16th, 1879, bar iron was quoted at 2 10 cents per pound; September 1st, at 2 5-10 cents; September 29th, 3 cents; January 5th, 1880, 3 1/4 cents; February 2nd, 4 cents; April 12th, 3 3/10 cents; and on May 10th at 2 1/2 cents. Nails followed in the same general direction, advancing from \$2 60 per keg in September, 1879, to \$5 25 in February, 1880, and falling to \$3 00 in July, 1880.

The Directors of the St. Clairsville & Northern Railway have purchased a 12 ton engine from the Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R. at Norwalk, Ohio, and it is expected to arrive in a short time. The engine, although a second-hand one, is as good as new, having been in use but a few weeks. It cost \$3,000, which is but little more than half price, and the officers of the road think they have a bargain in it. As soon as the bridge across Wheeling Creek, at Barton's, is completed, track-laying will be commenced. — St. Clairsville Gazette.

**The United States Marshalship of West Virginia.**  
Washington Special to the Richmond Dispatch.  
The contest over the West Virginia Marshalship is already lively. So far the candidates are John R. Rosier, of Kanawha; G. W. Atkinson, Wheeling; James Davis, Greenbrier; and George Patton, present incumbent. The Third District claims it on the ground that the First and Second districts have all the other Federal appointments. Rosier, who is a wounded Union soldier with a gallant record, has the inside track at present.

CONGRESSIONAL.

DOINGS OF INTEREST IN BOTH HOUSES YESTERDAY.

**Adjournment Until After the Opening of the New Year—The Disfranchisement Bill Between Weaver and Sparks—Continued—A Resolution of Expulsion Introduced.**

**SENATE.**

WASHINGTON, December 22.—On opening to-day the Senate, on motion of Mr. Morgan, took up the resolution offered by him in June last, declaring that the President of the Senate is not constitutionally authorized to count the Electoral votes as to determine what votes shall be received and counted or what rejected. Mr. Morgan spoke at length in support of the resolution.

Without having arrived at any action, the Senate went into Executive session, and voted down a motion to reconsider yesterday's confirmation of Judge Wm. B. Woods to be Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and his confirmation thereto.

The Senate confirmed the following postmasters: A. B. Copper, Union City, Indiana; A. N. Curry, Petersburg, Illinois; B. M. Cutcheon, Marietta, Michigan; W. A. Vandusen, Odebolt, Iowa; Mrs. Cora W. Harris, Butler, Missouri.

Mr. Windom introduced a bill providing for a public building for a postoffice and other government offices at Minneapolis, Minn. Referred.

Mr. Booth introduced a bill to incorporate the Marine Gas Company, of Nicaragua. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate bill granting the right of way to the county of Warren, Mississippi, and to the Vicksburg & Memphis R. R. Co., through the U. S. Cemetery tract of land near Vicksburg, was taken up and passed. Adjourned until January 5th, 1881.

**HOUSE.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22.—After prayer by the Chaplain, the Speaker, as is usual, directed the Clerk to read the Journal of yesterday, whereupon Mr. Bowman rose to a question of privilege relative to the disgraceful proceedings which had occurred yesterday.

The Speaker said the Chair would prefer that the gentleman should wait until the Journal should be read.

Mr. Bowman said it was on that point that he wished the Speaker to rule. A rule of the House stated that members should not be held to answer nor subject to the censure of the House.

For anything said in debate, if further debate or business had intervened he desired to know whether the reading of the Journal could be construed as such interfering business as would shut off further proceedings by the House for the gross violation of its dignity. The Speaker said the reading of the Journal would take the House out of the subject.

Immediately after the reading of the Journal Mr. McLean, as a question affecting the dignity of the House, called attention to the scene of yesterday which took place on the floor yesterday, and which he characterized as OFFENSIVE, DEGRADATORY AND DISCREDITABLE TO THE HOUSE.

as a parliamentary body. He called upon both the offending members before any other business was entered on, to relieve themselves of the offensive words by ample apology. No response having been made by either member immediately concerned, Mr. Bowman rose to present what he considered a substantive proposition. He spoke of the scene of yesterday as a crime and as an insult offered to the House, to Congress and to the country. There is, he said, a man present, who did not yesterday hang his head in shame and did not regard the scene of yesterday with any sense of shame or disgrace, and all over the country and the world men were reading this morning of the scene of yesterday.

Mr. Harris, of Virginia, suggested that perhaps both of the offending members were now willing to make an apology, and if so, they ought to have an opportunity to do so.

Mr. Haskell suggested that other members might be guilty of conduct equally worthy of censure.

Mr. McLean insisted on his question of privilege, and offered a resolution requiring the offending members to apologize to the House.

In the course of Mr. McLean's remarks, he recognized that most of the members present yesterday were partly responsible for the scene of yesterday.

To that remark Mr. F. Wood, of New York, took exception, and said that he had intended to say that the Speaker had endeavored to confine it to the offending members. He also characterized the scene as THE MOST SHAMEFUL EXHIBITION THAT HAD EVER TAKEN PLACE ON THE FLOOR.

Mr. McLean without concluding his remarks said he would yield to the gentleman from Iowa (Weaver) if he were willing to make an apology.

Mr. Haskell, of Kansas, objected to that proceeding and declared that in his opinion the House should rather make an apology to the country than to the offending members.

Mr. Wood said that the House should not take action to now try to cast off its own shoulders the obloquy that belonged there and single out the two members as scape-goats for their own sins.

Mr. Bowman again took the floor and quoted the remark of Mr. Wood as to the character of yesterday's incident, and added that if the two offending members had been two boys fighting on the sidewalk in the town and had been brought before the Police Court the morning after, he felt that the House should now take action that would be a warning in the future. He would, therefore, he said, offer:

**A RESOLUTION OF EXPELSION.**  
A punishment which would only be commensurate with the offense.

After further discussion in the same vein, and after the reading of an extract from the Congressional Record, covering the question of the offense, Mr. Bowman's resolution was read declaring that the gross breach of the privileges, rules and decorum of the House, the two members be expelled.

Mr. Brown moved as a substitute, that a special committee of three be appointed to report without delay what proceedings should be taken by the House.

Members began to rise and indicated some dissent in the report of the Congressional Record, but they were not very material. Mr. Blount suggested that Mr. Morgan

GENERAL NEWS.

DOINGS OF ALL THE WORLD AND THE REST OF MANKIND.

**Bad Stories of the Suffering of Seamen—Accidents and Incidents of an Unfortunate Character—Fatalities and Fires Everywhere—Comments from the Capital of the Country.**

**SAD SUFFERINGS OF WRECKED SEAMEN.**

**A British Bark is Wrecked on Anticosta Island—Terrible Hardships of the Crew.**

QUEBEC, December 22.—A part of the crew of the bark Bristol, wrecked at Anticosta the 22d ult., arrived last night and told a fearful tale of their hardships. Soon after the pilot left the vessel at Bic, bad weather set in with rain, snow and sleet, accompanied by terrible gales. This lasted until the evening of the 23d, when the vessel had become a complete iceberg. The ropes were frozen in blocks and the sails would not bend, so the ship became unmanageable, a fearful gale blowing from the northwest, when about 9 p. m. the vessel struck. Prior to this, seamen Thos. Smith, aged 19, had been washed overboard and lost. As soon as the vessel struck, the rest of the crew made themselves fast to the rigging, but they were wet through and benumbed with the cold. There was no fire on board, nor any way of making one. The vessel having had her decks swept. About 11 p. m. the vessel's stern began to break up, and the men with difficulty managed to take up a position in the forward part of the ship, where they stowed themselves in their wet clothes, exposed to the terrors of the night.

During the interval John Evans, of Camarano, aged 22, a Scotchman, and D. McQuiken, a lad of 15, were frozen to death. All the rest of the crew were more or less frost bitten. When day broke it was found that the vessel was two miles from land. The weather was still rough and intensely cold. At 11 o'clock they set about launching the only boat they had. They were successful, but unfortunately the boat filled with water. They however managed to get in and bail out the boat, so they rowed ashore. On landing they were in a terribly exhausted condition. Noticing a man's foot steps on the ground they followed the tracks for some distance, and found the body of a man, the foot of an old tree. He was 32 years of age and had a wife and family at Liverpool. The captain and three of the crew were badly frost bitten.

**A STEAMER SUNK.**

LONDON, December 22.—The steamer Lunley Castle, Capt. Soy, from New Orleans, November 21st, via Falkland, December 16th, for Reval, has sunk on Hom Reef, in twelve fathoms, ten miles from shore. The crew was saved. A salvage steamer is in attendance.

**PUNCTURED BY PISTOLS.**

**Unusual Harvest of Fatalities, Accidents and Otherwise.**

CINCINNATI, December 22.—A special report that Wm. Roberts, of Ridge Valley Furnace, Georgia, accidentally shot his two year old nephew dead while cleaning a revolver.

Edward Hoffman, a little boy at Reedsville, Ind., mortally wounded himself with a toy pistol day before yesterday.

Bob Thurman, colored, was mortally shot at Versailles, Ky., night before last by James Ashmore, whose chicken roost he was robbing.

Wm. Murphy, a boy fourteen years old, died before yesterday at Stanford, Ind., of a shot accidently fired by himself a few days ago while handling a gun.

Dr. J. F. Lind was shot by an unknown assassin at Hot Springs night before last.

**A BOUT MATCH.**

Wrestling for Five Hours Without a Bar.

NEW YORK, December 22.—Since the unsatisfactory draw in the late wrestling match between Edward Bibby and Clarence Whistler, the partisans of each have strenuously tried to settle the question of supremacy. Whistler and Bibby met again last night in the rink. They wrestled hotly for five hours without a fall for either. The Western wonder was the stronger. After the fight the referee, who was caught at half past one o'clock in the morning the men stopped wrestling, saying they would never wrestle again. They had tried hard and could not throw each other.

**The Daily Kentucky Tragedy.**

LOUISVILLE, December 23.—A special from Elizabethtown, a quiet and somewhat aristocratic neighborhood of Heives Valley, fifteen miles from here, was yesterday and is to-day the scene of the wildest excitement, on account of terrible tragedy enacted there yesterday, which may prove a double one.

David J. Harrison, an elderly respectable citizen, and Bud Harrington, also a highly respectable citizen, both farmers in good circumstances, the former about thirty-five years old and the latter about thirty-five, had a lawsuit about the settlement of some outstanding accounts between them, which was heard yesterday, and after its hearing it became the subject of a conversation between the litigants, when from words it came to blows, and Harrison drew a pistol and shot Carter, the ball entering his mouth and coming out at the back of his neck. Young Carter, a son of the wounded man, ran home and returned in a few minutes with a double-barreled shot-gun, both barrels of which he discharged into the body of Harrison, apparently killing him instantly. He fell seemingly lifeless and lay perfectly still where he had fallen.

Old man Carter seized a smith's sledge which was lying near, and walking up to the body of Harrison, he struck him on the head of the victim and then fell over him, apparently in a dying condition. The wounded Carter and the remains of Harrison now lie in the same house, that of Mr. Randolph, one awaiting the coroner and the other the result of his wounds.

**Terrific Railroad Accident in North Carolina.**

CHARLOTTE, December 22.—A fearful accident occurred on the Carolina & Central railroad, about three miles beyond Lincoln, this evening. The entire passenger train, excepting the engine, which passed over safely, went through a trestle at this point. Full particulars cannot be learned yet, but it is definitely known that the mail agent, David Bloom, and a passenger, J. W. Goodson, were disabled by the accident, and subsequently burned up in the flames, which communicated, it is supposed, to the coal stores used on the road, to shattered and splintered cars which were piled one upon another in the chasm. The conductor, Capt. Harris Johnson, escaped with slight injuries. There were very few persons on the train and it was not known that any one else was killed.

**The Funeral of an Actress.**

CINCINNATI, December 22.—The funeral service of Mrs. John McDonough, known in the theatrical profession as Lillian Travis, took place at 10 a. m., and was attended by a large number of actors and actresses.

**The Great Showman Holding His Own.**

NEW YORK, December 22.—P. T. Barnum has had another attack of intermittent fever and is still confined to his bed, very weak. His physicians, however, are hopeful regarding him.

**S. S. Cox Out of Bangor.**

NEW YORK, December 22.—Congressman Cox, ill with pneumonia, was pronounced at 2 a. m. apparently out of danger.

CAPITAL CHAT.

**Matters of Interest in and out of Congress.**  
WASHINGTON, December 22.—No special instructions were issued regarding the purchase of United States bonds for the sinking fund to-day. The Secretary still declines to increase the rate heretofore fixed. During the past month between three and four millions of these bonds have been purchased, leaving but about eight millions falling due December 31st to be redeemed. The President returned to the city this afternoon.

**STEAMER INSPECTIONS.**

Supervising Inspector General of Steamboats Dugan has just completed his statement showing average number of steamboats inspected and the average amount of the contingent expenses of his bureau during the period of his administration as compared with the figures for the preceding. It shows that from 1873 to 1879, inclusive, the average number of steamboats inspected annually was 3,789, and the average contingent expenses per annum \$48,543, while from 1877 to 1880 the yearly average of the steamboats inspected numbered 4,256, with the annual average of contingent expenses aggregating \$33,124.

**INDIAN ITEMS.**

The Ponca chiefs, who some time ago asked permission to visit Washington, arrived here yesterday, and this morning Secretary Schurz held council with them, in the presence of General Geo. Crook, Mr. Stickney and Mr. Walter. All three of the Ponca commissioners lately named by the President to represent the Ponca Indians in the Indian Territory, have been appointed. The Ponca chiefs declared unanimously that they desired to remain in the Indian Territory and to make permanent homes there, to sell their Dakota land and to acquire title to their reservation in the Indian Territory. They went further that there had not been any sickness among them for a year. They were emphatic in declaring that they wanted Mr. Tibbles and other white men, who had been trying to get them back to Dakota and the neighboring white man working and becoming prosperous, to let them alone henceforth. They further declared that this was not only their own individual opinion, but the unanimous sentiment of all the people of the Indian Territory. The chiefs here represent every band in the Ponca tribe.

**ANXIOUS MOMENTS.**

The Mormons appear to be very uneasy at the attitude of President Hayes, and have sent on a lobby to feel the temper of Congress. The proposition to deny to their delegate (Cannon) a certificate of election to the next Congress may also have increased their alarm. Hiram B. Clawson, a three-times son-in-law of Brigham Young is here with one of his wives, and may be seen daily about the halls of Congress, securing an introduction to members of the House.

**THE FUGITIVE IN SEAGAL.**

Judge French, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, left here to-day for Charleston, Savannah, Mobile and New Orleans. He will inspect the Custom houses at those points, and also make inquiry into the sugar question, especially with regard to the fraudulent coloring of imported sugars. The question of duty on those goods is not yet completely settled. Judge French will receive much valuable information on the subject which will very likely guide the Department in any action it may take hereafter.

**MONEY FOR THE DAVIS REWARD DAM.**

Members of the Ohio River Commission appeared before the House Committee on Commerce to-day to advocate preparations for the improvement of the channel and continuance of the work on the Davis Island dam. General Morehead read the appropriation of \$200,000, recommended by the Commission, saying he asked no larger sum than was specified in the engineer's report. Col. Merrill followed, saying the plan of the dam was the same as the first, the size of the lock being almost double. He was not ready to give a definite estimate of the amount required to complete the work until he got into the channel of the river, but thought that \$200,000 would be sufficient. Some allowance must be made for contingencies, said a night's ice might occasion a loss of \$50,000. Two seasons would be required to finish the dam. He did not want the committee to arbitrarily fix his hands by a definite amount, but that the matter left to the Secretary of War, so that contingencies could be covered. Colonel Merrill also asked for an appropriation to complete the locks and dams on the Ohio Monongahela.

**BYARD'S WILL ON THE BANKS.**

Mr. Byard introduced a bill to-day to amend the National banking laws. It proposed to amend section 5,171 of the Revised Statutes so that any banking association making the required deposit of bonds notes equal to, but not to exceed, 90 per cent of the par value of bonds deposited, at any time shall be deemed to have complied with the law as to the amount of circulating notes so issued, except the amount actually paid in of its capital stock. It is also proposed to repeal section 5,176 of the Revised Statutes, which provided that banking associations organized subsequent to July 1st, 1870, shall have a circulation in excess of \$500,000.

**THE KANSAS COLONISTS.**

CALDWELL, KS., December 22.—Another blizzard set in to-day—snow is falling fast. The boomers have been very active all day to make themselves comfortable for the winter. The Colony meeting held to-day resolved that they would remain in camp and maintain their organization. Leave of absence was granted to the men living in the neighborhood of the home to spend the holidays. Since the colony came here over 300 men have joined and hold themselves ready to move at any time. A complete change in the sentiment of the men has taken place. The border towns have taken place in regard to opening the territory. The merchants here are a man for the opening. They to-day subscribed over \$1,000 in provisions to aid the colony. The prominent men here have heretofore opposed the movement made liberal subscriptions, and said: I am now for opening, for I see two or three cattle combinations are getting the central territory and excluding the small owners, and these monopolies, buy their goods in the East, and do not patronize us. Those familiar with the early history of Kansas say it is a deep seated movement, and not a game of bluff. Most of the colony will repair to their homes for the winter, but each one signs a pledge before departing to return early in the new year.

**ASKING ADMISION.**

DEADWOOD, DAKOTA, December 22.—A large meeting of citizens was held in this city to take action towards securing the admission to the Union of that portion of Dakota south of the forty-sixth parallel. The resolutions were adopted and forwarded to Washington.

AFFAIRS ABROAD.

SITUATION OF AFFAIRS IN THE LIT-TLE ISLE SO GREEN.

**Apparently the Government is "Greener" Than the Isle—The International Championship Billiard Match—General Release of Minor Matters in Other Lands Than Ours.**

**IRISH ITEMS.**

**Process of Boycotting Extending—The State Trials—Mullen's Murder, &c.**

DUBLIN, December 22.—It is stated that the Bantry branch of the Land League has decided to Boycott Lord Kenmore's agent and Bailiff Manning, the procurator of Healey and Walsh, and other farmers.

Subpoenas for witnesses have been issued on both sides in the case of the traversers. The Scots guards have arrived. There was no demonstration.

LONDON, December 22.—A dispatch from Dublin says that whether the murder of Mullen was agrarian or not, it illustrates the state of the country of which advantage may be taken to further the ends of private malice.

Some apprehension is felt lest a disturbance occur to-day at Derry Gonnely, county Fermanagh, where a Land League meeting is announced to be held.

Capt. Archdale having issued an address summoning all loyal men on his estate to oppose the extension of League principles in that locality, troops have been sent to keep the peace.

Over fifty witnesses are being summoned by the Crown. Subpoenas have been handed to the reporters of the Daily Express summoning them to produce their original notes of the speeches and proceedings at the meetings of the Land League in Dublin since February last. It is understood that the Traversers intend to summon several reporters of the Freeman's Journal in connection with the meetings of the League.

A great meeting was held at Langhwa to-day, for the purpose of denouncing the Government for suppressing the Callohill meeting. Several Irish-Americans made speeches. They declared that the Irish-people were to be completely ruined by the Government's policy of non-interference with the landlords. A resolution was passed thanking the Congress of the United States for its expression of sympathy with Irishmen.

**Anti-Slavery Agitation in Brazil.**

LONDON, December 22.—Advices from Rio de Janeiro say: In the Chamber of Deputies, the President, replying to the interpellation of Senator Duarte respecting the American Minister's attendance at the anti-slavery banquet, November 20th, said the Government was resolute in its non-interference with the gradual extinction of slavery, and had nothing to do with the abolition agitation as long as it was kept on legal grounds. He said he considered Mr. Hilliard's conduct in the question as merely individual, but they were certain the opposition would rally around the Government, should at any time any foreign government seek to intervene in the internal affairs of Brazil.

**Work Begun on the New Cable.**

LONDON, December 22.—Siemens Bros., the cable manufacturers, have received an order from Jay Gould and his cable construction company for two Atlantic cables, and have already begun the preparations for their manufacture. All the old and experienced workmen have been engaged and the work will be pushed forward to completion as rapidly as possible. The cables are to be completed ready for use in the month of September.

**Political Trouble in France.**

PARIS, December 22.—M. Herold, Prefect of the Seine, has resigned his office in consequence of the passage by the Senate of a resolution expressing regret at his refusal to take the official action required by the terms of the new elementary educational bill, in reference to raising funds for the establishment of public schools in his municipality. It is rumored that M. Jules Ferry, Premier, and M. Constans, Minister of Public Worship and of the Interior, have threatened to resign.

**Championship Billiard Match.**

PARIS, December 22.—The third night of the billiard match between Slosson and Vignaux opened with a large attendance, and the deepest interest was manifested. Slosson placed the balls where he left them last night and made seven points. His best runs in the course of the evening were 204, 53 and 160, and he maintained his lead to the end of the night's play, winning a total of 1,800, while Vignaux made 1,517. The latter's best runs were 111, 75 and 83.

**The Military Force in Ireland.**

LONDON, December 22.—The garrisons in Ireland, distributed over a wide extent of territory, now number 40,000 regular troops, aided by 12,000 constabulary. The majority of the constabulary is Irish, and in its composition it has taken measures during the coming session of Parliament for disarming the peasantry entirely.

**Disgraceful Conduct of Americans Abroad.**

HAVANA, December 22.—A dispute occurred on the 13th inst. between the United States Consul at St. Thomas and an American Captain. The Consul shot at the Captain, slightly wounding him. The latter afterwards layd the Consul in his office and assaulted him with a heavy cane.

**The Derry Meeting.**

LONDON, December 22.—The land meeting at Derry was held to-day, as announced, and was protected by a strong force of police and infantry. The opposition on the part of the Orangemen was abandoned, but some fighting occurred after the meeting.

**Bennett's Resolved.**

CLEVELAND, December 22.—The Fire Commission to-night convicted John A. Bennett, Fire Department Chief, of insubordination and violation of rules, dismissed him from the service and promoted First Assistant James Dickinson chief.

**The Governor General of Kharkoff, Russia.**

ST. LOUIS, December 22.—Arrived: Havan, My Choles and barges, Tatum and barges, Pittsburgh; Irons and barges, Chester. Departed, Durfee, Cairo. River fallen 2 inches; 6 feet by gauge and 44 feet to Cairo. Weather cloudy and cool.

IN THE VICINITY.

INTERESTING INTELLIGENCE FROM THE TOWNS ABOUT US.

**Budgets of Briefs from Busy Bellairs—Moundsville Matters Merely Mentioned—Exposition of the Manufacturers of Zanesville—Readable Resume by Rambling Reporters.**

**MOUNDSVILLE.**

**Manic Officials Chosen—Joseph Mooney Handed Out of Jail—Larceny—Amusements—"Circus" Events Cast Their Shadows Before."**

MOUNDSVILLE, December 21. Editors Intelligencer.

Marshall Union Lodge No. 8, A. F. and A. M., held the regular annual election of officers this evening, with the following result: J. B. McKee, W. M.; D. L. Logan, S. W.; Samuel Clegg, J. W.; W. B. Humphreys, Treasurer; L. G. Brock, Secretary; Joseph Wallace, Tyler. The meeting was held in the new lodge room, and was a very pleasant one to all concerned.

Joseph Mooney, who has been confined in our county jail for the past six months, was placed on trial yesterday for grand larceny, and was to-day found guilty of petit larceny and sentenced by Judge Melvin to be confined in the county jail for the term of three months.

The opening performance at the new Opera House on Christmas night will doubtless be a grand success, as far as the audience is concerned. The bills announce a grand performance.

The times for holding the concerts next week under the management of Miss Ida McDonald, are changed from Wednesday and Thursday evenings to Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. These concerts being for the benefit of the M. E. Church, should, and doubtless will draw large audiences. Miss McDonald is herself a splendid performer, both as a vocalist and instrumental musician, and she will be assisted by some of the best musical talent of Moundsville and Cameron.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church occupy the Opera House on Christmas night, and the holiday week, but I have not been informed as to the nature of the performance.

Special service will be held in the different churches during the week of prayer. It was surprising to see the number of people who went to Wheeling to purchase holiday goods, and so it will continue during the week, notwithstanding the fact that the stores here are full of such goods. Some of the stores have already begun to have the running of the trains arranged for the special